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# Family Wellness Retreat speakers focus on good choices and the power of positive thinking



Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Fresh air and nature greeted participants in this year's Family Wellness Retreat.

The annual Family Wellness Retreat again was held at the Champion Resort in Galesville, where it was held for the first time last year. It was held from Wednesday, July 22, through Thursday, July 23.

This year, 311 people attended the event, according to Jackie Moen-Kadlec of Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services.

Each year, the organizing staff selects activities and speakers who will give inspiration to the participants and to promote good, healthy family activities.

Main speakers for the adult session included Lani Blackdeer, whose daughter, Louella, was killed in an accident by a drunk driver; and Tamara Oman and Melissa Christensen, two women who served time in prison and have turned her lives

around.

Also, former Green Bay Packer players Gilbert Brown, William Henderson and Santana Dotson offered a morning inspirational session to the youth and again offered a family session in the afternoon on Thursday.

Lani Blackdeer spoke about life choices and the story of her daughter, Louella, who was killed by a drunk driver.

"Life is full of choices," Lani said.

Louella was her youngest, who was very stubborn, independent and struggling with choices of alcohol skipping school. She worked with teachers.

Louella continued to make choices taking her down the wrong roads and it got worse.

"I didn't know what to do," she said. "I couldn't get through to her."

She said she tried sports, but, while her sisters were good with sports involving

balls, Louella was rather clumsy and uncoordinated. Then, she went out for the cross-country team and was enjoying it.

"Running - she could do on her own," Lani said. "In 1999, at the beginning of the school year, she was running and training every day."

Then one day she was running alongside the road when Irwin Begay was driving by and noticed Louella. He stopped to talk to her.

Irwin said he was stationed in Hawaii and he competed in the Honolulu Marathon. He said he had a vision of Native Americans competing at the event with four flags present.

Louella came home and told her mother about the encounter and said that a man in white van wanted to take her to Hawaii. She was shocked until Irwin showed up at her door. He offered his idea of taking a team of native runners to compete in Hawaii. Lani was onboard with the idea and offered to help.

The first meeting had 20 youth present. They soon learned that they had to participate in four months of training, six days a week and that parent participation was mandatory. Those initial 20 runners soon dwindled down to six. Those six runners went on to Hawaii to compete in the marathon.

"The changes in those runners was unbelievable. Irwin would have the stand perfectly straight in line. He taught them respect. They learned a lot in four months of training," Lani said. "It changed Louella. She went to high school with goals she never had before. Things were going pretty good."

In spring, Louella began seeing a young man and they would help each other with homework. Then one day they made plans to go to



the prom at school. Louella had a curfew of 2 a.m., but she came back home at midnight and asked her mother if she could attend a party that was going on that night. She assured her mother there would be no drinking and there were chaperones at the party.

Lani agreed and went back to bed.

She didn't think any more about it until she woke up and noticed a police car outside the house. The sheriff, deputy and coroner were at the door and asked if Louella was home. Lani checked and saw that Louella was not in her bed.

She was told there was an accident and they needed to identify who was in the car. She was told that a fisherman was at Lake Arbutus during opening day, had been drinking and was heading back home to Marshfield when he crossed the centerline and hit a car head-on.

"I can't explain what it's like," Lani said. "Sometimes I can't remember. I was told that we're not supposed to question death. That's the beliefs I've held on to. I

didn't allow myself to get angry."

She said she was so lost and upset, that one of her daughters had to take over the household chores.

But now Irwin said he wants to revive the marathon runners for another season, called Runners Against Drunk Driving or RADD for short.

"It keeps Louella's story alive," she said. "I believe it brought Louella back to us."

Through the years, Lani

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# Making the case for an independent Department of Veterans Affairs

I fully appreciate all who work diligently for veterans throughout the Ho-Chunk Nation. On July 23, 2015, the HCN Legislature took up a long standing issue of the tribal veterans office needing autonomy. The item was placed on the Legislative agenda with the intent of addressing issues and concerns of many Ho-Chunk veterans. The Legislature offered a resolution establishing the Department of Veterans Affairs. This would be a promotion from its current status as a division within the Department of Heritage Preservation.

Why would we rather have a Department than a division? An executive director has access to a plethora of resources and proper decision making authority. An executive director will be made available to oversee all operations. At the division level, there is less flexibility in obtaining and utilizing resources, such as personnel and budget.


Currently, programs and services dedicated to veterans are housed within several different departments and divisions. We need to have

one place that a veteran can reach out and receive the support of the Nation. We need advocates that will help our veterans cut through the red tape of the many departments. We need our veterans to bring their teachings and experiences back to the rest of the tribe.

My vision of a Department of Veterans Affairs is an agency that will develop strong working relationships with the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches. The agency will be comprised completely of veterans, with oversight by veterans. This department will operate daily to further the position of veterans around the tribe and in our communities. They wouldn't be replicating services available elsewhere but would supplement state and federal resources with tribe-specific resources and events.

I am urging all veterans to participate in the conception and all non-veteran tribal members to support the autonomy in a Department of Veterans Affairs.

Ryan Greendeer



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# Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. mural unveiled

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

The Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. mural was unveiled on Saturday, July 4, at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow Wow Grounds.

Members of the Color Guard began the ceremony, with speakers telling about the significance of the occasion. Present was the artist of the mural, Susan Sampson.

Plans are to permanently display the mural at the Jackson County Historical Society Building in downtown Black River Falls.

Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. was a Marine in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, and later a soldier in the United States Army during the Korean War. Corporal Red Cloud posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his ac-

tions near Chonghyon, North Pyongan Province, North Korea on November 5, 1950.

Born in Hatfield, Wisconsin, Red Cloud, a Ho-Chunk Native American, dropped out of high school to enlist in the US Marines during World War II.

During the Korean War, Red Cloud singlehandedly held off the Chinese forces despite being shot eight times, at one point ordering his men to tie him to a tree because he was too weak to stand by himself. His company found him the next morning, surrounded by dead Chinese troops. He was credited with alerting his company to the ambush and saving them from being overrun. For these actions, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.



Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. descendant Josephine Cleveland (left) stands with Sandra Winneshiek, Donald Greengrass, Cindy and Susan Sampson, Marcus Carriaga, Tina Warner, Richard Snake and Matthew Carriaga.



## Packer Time

Mackenzie Blackdeer  
Summer Youth Reporter

Gilbert Brown, William Henderson, and Santana Dotson all retired NFL players visit Ho-Chunk Nation's annual Family Wellness Retreat.

They talked about leadership, and about never to give up and follow your dreams to the youth there. It was very inspirational.

Gilbert Brown is from Detroit, Michigan. He went to University of Kansas, and from there he went into the NFL. He was drafted by Minnesota, but he never play a game for them. Then, he went over to the Green Bay Packers and play defensive line, nose tackle. He's been playing football since he was in the 9th grade.

He played in the NFL for 11 years all for the Packers. He talked about how he sustained many, many injuries. "Football... Football is a violent sport. It really catches up with you later on in life," says Brown. "But, if I could do it all over again, I would."

"I see them as my brothers," he commented. "Family."

Now, He has four kids. Three boys, one girl. Their names all start with J's. Jamal, Jaida, Jesse, and Jemiah.

Santana Dotson is from New Orleans, LA. He moved from there to Houston, TX when he was 13 years old. He went to Baylor Univer-

sity. While at Baylor, Dotson was voted All-American in 1991. He won the 1992 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and played in two Super Bowls with the Green Bay Packers. His position was defensive end.

"It was a great career overall. You know, you enjoy those moments. What I think that sticks out more than anything is just the camaraderie of the locker room at the time; kind of the band of brothers' aspect and everybody all for one, one for all vitality that we had," says Dotson

"I didn't like football,"

mentions William Henderson. "I loved it." Henderson attended Thomas Dale High School in Chester, Virginia. He played varsity football as a freshman, sophomore, and junior, but sat out his senior year due to a knee injury.

Henderson was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 1995, and has played every season in his career with the Packers. He came into the league as number 30, but after cornerback Doug Evans left, changed his number to 33.

He is now married to Briggita Henderson, and has two children, William II and Jayden.



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# Ho-Chunk teammates prepare for the fight of their lives

Eli Smith  
Summer Youth Reporter

What comes to mind when you hear MMA or commonly known as Mix Martial Arts? Well for most it's a ferocious sport, which involves a lot of unique ways to brawl other opponents. Well, the nation has its very own fight club, in that fight club; are Marcus Carriaga, Leif Kimball. Both enrolled and working with the nation, Marcus Carriaga works with the DNR, as a land specialist. Leif Kimball is a housing inspector, which is located in the labor department. Both are experienced fighters and are currently preparing for their upcoming fights.

"I have always been a fighter" as Leif Kimball says, who has had many fights so far, has overcome so many unhealthy habits, such as losing weight to compete in his last fight, and just having a positive attitude. Focusing on his next fight, he looks to having a great outcome, having many family and friends support him in his quest to become a professional fighter. Leif got into boxing right out of high school, and was later postponed when he began working for the nation, but has resumed his fighting career. He began training with Bobby Bird, Dan Lipke, and "Hammer" Harrison and also a wrestling coach Winter



Smith. He has gone through training with his teammate and friend Marcus Carriaga, who also is experienced with fighting. Just recently he won a fight not too long ago, in Rockford, Illinois; with a knockout in the second round; he has come off that fight and feels he is ready for his upcoming fight. Carriaga, who is a well experienced fighter, has won three tournaments and awarded with golden gloves trophies, in three different states. This is a trophy, sym-

bolizing that you are a very good fighter. Carriaga and Kimball are very thrilled to be given a chance like this to compete in a MMA tournament. As they prepare for their upcoming fights they train every single day, pushing pass their limits. Marcus is preparing himself, physically but more important is his mentality; Marcus will be fighting in the catch weight class, which he must weigh in at 185 lbs, but he currently weights 200 lbs. As for Leif he is also overweight, 280 lbs

the heavyweight class must weigh in at 265 lbs. Both Marcus and Leif are working hard to cut down too their weight class. As both progress till they are in the ring and ready to fight their opponents, family and friends will be supporting them. As they are representing themselves and their families, as well as the Nation itself.

## Family Wellness Retreat

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has been asked to speak on various panels concerning drunk driving. At first, she turned down the offer because it was difficult, but now she has begun to open up. "I had to do something. I had to make a difference," she said. "We went to the place when the three died and, standing at the site, I made a promise I would try to do something. "Remember – we all have those choices and hopefully we can make a difference," she said. Tamra Oman spoke about the importance of being yourself and positive from a personal and professional perspective. She was an inmate at Taycheedah Women's Correctional Institution in Fond du Lac, but then turned her life around and is currently a human services program coordinator at the Wisconsin Resource Center. When Oman first entered Taycheedah, she met Melissa Christensen at a table and instantly knew there was something amazing about her, she said. Oman talked about how she disliked herself and fell into a "very dark place," even not wanting to live. "I felt so imperfect – all the lies I told, the self-hatred."

She said she was frequently drunk, and was raped and beaten and abused. But instead of seeing what she was doing, she blamed other people. "I was sitting in prison saying, 'God, if this is all there is, let it end.' You only have this moment – you don't know if you will have a tomorrow," she said. "The problem wasn't everywhere else. It was within me," Oman said. "Now, I don't want to be anyone else. I have a responsibility to give back wherever I go. I just want you to know that you matter. I thought every day that I didn't." A person's story is the greatest asset, she said. "Most of us spend all our time hiding our story," Oman said. "Not one human gets here without help." She didn't look for successes and based everything on failures. "Where should it begin? It should begin with me. I want to work in an environment where I find the beauty," she said. "There will always be something that doesn't fit. You can choose the bad things in your life, or the good ones. Which one do you want to feed?" And people are so sup-

pressed, they don't even properly recognize the good times. "How do you celebrate successes? We don't take enough time to celebrate successes. Try to support each other," Oman said. "Do you share the good moments? You should make a gratitude list. Look at what is working and celebrate. Also, create a bucket list and check it off – do something. Focus on your gifts in life. And know your role. You can't control everything and you can only do so much." Melissa Christensen, Ojibwe from Lac du Flambeau, grew up not knowing her role in life and became self-destructive, but she learned a way to become positive and make something of her life. She remembers when she first arrived in Taycheedah. "How did life get so bad that I ended up here?" Christensen said. When she was only 9 years old, her mother committed suicide and her father hadn't been much help. "My dad drank a lot." She took Native American studies in college because she knew nothing about her culture and she felt lost. "I didn't grow up with culture," Christensen said. She wanted to study engineering, but had her doubts.



"Do I want to travel and be an engineer and be away from my family?" she had asked herself. Her grandfather was a ricer and trapper. She once met a medicine man who asked her what she needed to do. She said she wanted to help people and then then wind began blowing strongly. The medicine man said the wind is bad spirits who are resisting her. Her father had an aortic tear in his heart and he needed to get to a hospital during an ice storm. Melissa began to pray and, with much help from

other people, her father did survive the close call. She believes it was the power of prayer that saved him. "I found out how powerful the Creator is," Christensen said. In order to turn her life around, she had to find a way to change her internal thoughts from negative to positive. She said that there is a tendency for people to blame their troubles on other people. "Everyone is blaming everyone. Stop pointing fingers. These are all our problems,"



# Reach Out and Read Literacy program introduced at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

Submitted by Holly Rodenberg, Nurse Educator, Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

Getting books from the doctor will now be a routine part of regular pediatric checkups at **both the House of Wellness in Baraboo and the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls**, as Black River Falls providers and nurses welcome the Reach Out and Read program.

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Carolyn H Ostrander MD, Family Practice Physician and Medical Consultant for Reach Out and Read commented, “It is with great pleasure that we announce the Ho Chunk Health Care Center’s partnership with Reach Out and Read. Early reading, both with children and by children, is the single most effective way to promote literacy and encourage later school success. We are proud to offer beautiful, developmentally appropriate books to our pediatric patients at every well child visit between the ages of birth through 5 years. We look forward to seeing you and your child soon.”

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## Ho-Chunk Design in Concrete



Submitted by Harry Hill  
This is a 15’ by 5’ slab we poured last week, and yesterday we used a diamond blade to cut out a design. I used a Hochunk design. I’m going thru a cement masonry training in Minnesota via Ho-Chunk Nation TERO and Minnesota Department of Transportation.





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# Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association honors its former president

**Marlon WhiteEagle**  
Editor

The Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association (WTJA) honored former Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court Associate Judge and former WTJA president Amanda WhiteEagle at Wa Ehi Hoci on July 15, 2015.

WTJA president and Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court Chief Judge Eugene White-Fish and Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court Associate Judge Chris Daniels were present at the ceremony on behalf of the WTJA.

The staff of the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary were also present for the occasion.

Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court Chief Judge JoDeen Lowe introduced Judge White-Fish to those in attendance. Judge White-Fish explained the WTJA wanted to honor WhiteEagle for her leadership by presenting her a gift.

“The Wisconsin Tribal Judge Association thanks you for leadership. Judge

WhiteEagle served two terms as president of the WTJA. We talked about who would be nominated to be president. I nominated Amanda and she became the president, and I was the vice president,” said White-Fish.

WhiteEagle stepped down for her position with the WTJA after she stepped down from the bench at the trial court. WhiteEagle now serves as the Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General.

White-Fish presented WhiteEagle with a Pendleton blanket and an eagle feather for her service to the WTJA.

“Thank you for this honor. I wasn’t expecting anything. It means a lot to me. The organization means a lot to me. The WTJA is looked to nationwide and is on the forefront when it comes to state/tribal relations, handbooks, services offered and training,” WhiteEagle said.

Each Wisconsin tribe is represented within the WTJA.



Associate Judge Mary Jo B. Hunter, Associate Judge Chris Daniels, Attorney General Amanda WhiteEagle, Chief Judge Eugene White-Fish, and Chief Judge JoDeen Lowe at a ceremony to honor WhiteEagle for her leadership in the WTJA

# Hocak Worak staff attend Native American Journalist Association convention

**Ken Luchterhand**  
Staff Writer

Hocak Worak editor Marlon WhiteEagle and reporter Ken Luchterhand were given the opportunity to learn about methods of communication used by other Native American nations and to improve their own craft and skills.

They traveled to Washington D.C. for the annual Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) convention held in Crystal City, VA, held July 9 through July 12.

The event featured a full schedule of seminars and speakers, concluding Saturday night with an awards banquet.

Opening keynote speaker was Charlie LeDuff, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa, a Pulitzer-Prize winning reporter. He won the prize for his series, “How Race is Lived in America.” He hosts a show on a Fox network affiliate in Detroit, “The Americans with Charlie LeDuff.”

His remarks were about how he continues to reinvent his reporting by telling stories of American life and infusing them with his own vivacity through his writing and on-camera presence.

Another highlight was the speaking engagement of Amanda Blackhorse, a Dine and a member of the Navajo Nation. In June 2014, Blackhorse and



Marlon WhiteEagle and Ken Luchterhand compared notes with fellow journalists and learned new skills at the annual Native American Journalists Association convention.

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These registrations include the teams’ name and logo. This unprecedented victory appeared to end a more than 40-year battle against the racist name of the team.

One popular seminar was, “Energy in Indian Country,” which discussed how major projects, such as the Keystone XL pipeline, is proposed to go through tribal lands or near them. Meanwhile, fracking in Oklahoma, North Dakota and other states in the heart of Indian Country also are generating a number of issues for journalists. It provided reporters an idea of data information they should seek for informative stories in covering ongoing energy debates.

Another seminar provided how local tribal events can be recorded and provided to a nationwide network to be aired in several major cities in the United States. The recordings not only inform residents of the information concerning the tribes, but also serve as a means to historically document important events.





# Winneshiek leaves Ho-Chunk Nation position for state job

**Ken Luchterhand**  
Staff Writer

It was a bitter-sweet time for Sandra Winneshiek. She was sad to be leaving her job as Veterans Service Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, but also she was anxious to begin a new job for the state.

Her last day with the Nation was Friday, July 24, and began her new job on Monday, July 27.

Her new title is Tribal Veteran Program and Services Specialist, a state position with the Veterans Administration with her new office in the Tomah. She's responsible for servicing all the Native American tribes in Wisconsin.

"I make sure all the tribes are up to date with benefit information," Winneshiek said. She is filling the position vacated by Nate Nez, a Navajo,

who retired in February. The road to her new position wasn't an easy one.

"There were 138 applicants for this job, nationwide," she said. "I think my previous background in working with be veterans' benefits on a national level helped me gain this position."

Sandra is a native of Wisconsin Rapids and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after high school graduation. Upon completion of her service, she was employed with the Department of Veterans Affairs for more than 24 years.

She also served as the national co-chairman of the American Indian Working Group for Readjustment Counseling Service for 10 years. She was the first woman to hold the position. Her job took her all over the country and allowed her to

assist hundreds of veterans to obtain health, educational and employment benefits.

She was the administrative assistant with the Addiction Disorders Program at the Middleton VA Medical Center in Madison. She left that job to start with the Ho-Chunk Nation on April 23, 2012.

So, now she will be traveling to each of the 11 federally-recognized tribes in the state, initially to introduce herself as the new Tribal Veteran Program and Services Specialist, although all of the Veterans Service Officers already know her. She will tell them about the programs and assist in any way that she can.

"I enjoy working with veterans, I always have. That why I've been working with vets for so long," Winneshiek said.



**Sandra Winneshiek has embarked on a new venture with the state as a Tribal Veteran Program and Services Specialist.**

# Former Trial Court staff attorney to return as Public Defender

**Marlon WhiteEagle**  
Editor

After serving as a staff attorney with the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court for two years, Noah Lentz took a position with Wisconsin Judicare's Indian Law Office in Wausau, Wisconsin. His new job title: Staff Attorney. Lentz agreed to take the new position within Judicare knowing he'll again be serving the Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members.

Wisconsin Judicare provides access to legal services for low income Wisconsin residents and the 11 recognized tribes.

"There has been a contract between Judicare and the Ho-Chunk Nation to provide legal services to members for over 20 years," Lentz said. "Judicare has primarily done civil cases, like wills, divorces, child protection, guardianships, bankruptcy, elder law and public benefits. We do site visits to each tribe."

"My new position will provide both civil and criminal representation to members of the (Ho-Chunk) nation. I will be the Public Defender for the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court when criminal jurisdiction begins."

The Ho-Chunk Nation has enacted a Criminal Code on May 5, 2015. All the procedure are not in place to begin enforcement, but when things are in place Lentz is ready to get to work.

"I'm an employee of Judicare, not of the Nation. If you want me or any other Judicare attorney to represent you in a civil matter, you must apply to Judicare. You can apply online, over the phone, or with a paper application available at the Ho-Chunk Nation courthouse. Before too long, I will also be able to accept application in person, wherever I

happen to be," Lentz said.

"I will be providing criminal defense representation in the Ho-Chunk Nation courts, I cannot represent people in criminal matters in state or federal courts."

Lentz is from northern Minnesota, went to college in Washington D.C. and law school in Minneapolis. He currently lives in Port Edwards.



**Staff Attorney Noah Lentz will soon represent tribal members as a public defender**

# Decorah promoted to CEO for Michigan casino

**Ken Luchterhand**  
Staff Writer

Brian Decorah Jr. has received a promotion and he's excited about this new role.

Decorah now is the Chief Executive Officer at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek, Michigan.

He is the son of Brian Decorah Sr. and grew up in Necedah, Wisconsin, as a Ho-Chunk.

"My dad got me started in gaming," he said. "Ironically, I had never really planned on a career in gaming. Back when I first went to college in 1991, Indian Gaming, as we know it now, was still in its infancy. I've always been comfortable dealing with numbers, and I had a knack with financial analysis, so business management was my major. While it took me three tries to finish my bachelor's

degree, I have never regretted making sacrifices to finish my degree."

While he's always worked in hospitality, such as resorts and restaurants, his first job in gaming was as a Security Officer on the graveyard shift at Rainbow Casino in Nekoosa.

"I loved working on the gaming floor with the players, which is what provided me with my 'education' in gaming," he said. "While I have worked in marketing and compliance before I started 'general managing' casinos, the most influential job I had was working on the front line with the guests. That's where you find out how the players think."

Decorah said that everyone he has worked with has been special to him in one way or another.

"I learn from everyone.

Sometimes it's just as important to learn 'what not to do' from others, but I've learned that treating people well, while still being honest with them, is the key to being a successful manager," he said.

The only thing he's ever wanted to do with his life is to be involved with gaming.

"The saying goes, 'if you enjoy your job, you'll never work a day in your life.' I agree with that," Decorah said. "Although the job can be difficult at times, I really enjoy working in this industry and I can't imagine any other job. Maybe a rock star, but I lack talent and rhythm, so I hope this gaming thing continues to work out. Aside from that, I enjoy giving back and quietly helping other people."

Prior to being named CEO, Decorah was the senior vice

president and assistant general manager for FireKeepers. He was recruited to succeed the prior CEO when he retired, so that was the plan from the beginning, he said, although he never treated it as an entitlement. Prior to that, he was the general manager at North Star Casino and two of the Ho-Chunk casinos. He's also worked for Cliff Castle Casino in Arizona, and with the Senecas in New York.

He and his wife, Tanya, have been married 10 years and they have a 7-year old son named Nikita. They also have been a host family for a student from the Ukraine.

He's adjusted well to his new role as CEO, along with all the added responsibilities.

"It's not much different than when I was the senior vice president," Decorah said. "We are the same team as what we



**Brian Decorah Jr.**

were before the transition, and we all work really well together, so it shouldn't really feel any different, in my opinion. I may have to sign my name a few more times than before, but it's still a team effort."



HO-CHUNK NATION  
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BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
JUNE 9, 2015

**Call to Order:** President Jon Greendeer calls the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call:**  
President Jon Greendeer-P  
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P  
Vice President Heather Cloud-P  
Rep. David Greendeer-P  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P  
Rep. Susan Waukon-EX  
Rep. Lori Pettibone-P  
Rep. Henning Garvin-P  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-P  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-(Cc)  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-EX  
Rep. Matt Mullen-P  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-EX  
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P

**Determination of Quorum:**  
Quorum is established at 10:00 a.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Wilbert Cleveland offered a word of prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the agenda with adding under New Business D. Mitchell Red Cloud Day Pow-wow Request and New Year’s Eve Pow-wow Request and F. Resolution-Unexpended Funds Appropriation District 3-Mauston Community Building. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. 9-1 (Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**  
**Regular Legislative Meeting May 19, 2015**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to approve the May 19, 2015 Legislative meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Special Legislative Meeting May 27, 2015**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the May 27, 2015 Special Legislative meeting minutes as presented. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Committee Reports:**  
**Housing May 21, 2015**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lori Pettibone to approve the May 21, 2015 Housing Committee meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 8-0-2 (Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Development May 26, 2015**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the May 26, 2015 Development Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud 9-0-1 (Rep. Andrea Estebo) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Health, Social Services and Insurance May 26, 2015**

**Note: For the record, any Legislator sitting in for another legislator it will be noted on the Sub-committee meeting minutes.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the May 26, 2015 Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Supporting the U.S. Public Health Service/Health Resources and Services Administration/Office of Pharmacy Affairs 340 B Drug Pricing Program Statute.**

**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to adopt **Resolution 06-09-15 A**, Supporting the U.S. Public Health Service/Health Resources and Services Administration/Office of Pharmacy Affairs 340 B Drug Pricing Statute. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 8-2(Rep. Henning Garvin, Rep. Andrea Estebo)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Finance May 27, 2015**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the May 27, 2015 Finance Committee meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-1 (Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Resolution-Ho-Chunk Nation Property Insurance Coverage Carrier and Renewal of Property**

**and Casualty Insurance Coverage. MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 06-09-15 B**, Ho-Chunk Nation Property Insurance Coverage Carrier and Renewal of Property and Casualty Insurance Coverage. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**  
**Community Reinvestment Project-Miron Construction Contract: MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to table the Community Reinvestment Project-Miron Construction Contract. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-1(Rep. Henning Garvin)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Resolution-Approval for Designation of Capital Projects Wazee Closeout.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 06-09-15 C**, Approval for Designation of Capital Projects Closeouts. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**  
**Resolutions-Approval for Designation of Capital Projects for the following: HCG-BRF Snack Bar, HCG-BRF Generator, HCG-BRF Hotel DataMagine System (Property Management System, HCG-BRF Hotel Carpet Replacement, HCG-Madison Air Purifier, HCG-Madison Paint Exterior Building (Renovations/Upgrades), HCG-Nekoosa Kitchen Exhaust System (Renovations/Upgrades),HCG-Nekoosa LED Lighting (Renovations/Upgrades),HCG-WTC-Baraboo Signage, HCG-WTC-Baraboo Signage, HCG-Dells-Hotel Lighting, HCG-Dells-Hotel Television Replacements, HCG-Dells-Cat Generator, HCG-Dells-Infogenesis Upgrade/POS, HCG-Dells-Casino Roof, HCG-Dells-Hotel Roof, HCG-Dells-IGT-Advantage/On-Line System, HCG-Dells-Irrigation System/ Landscaping, HCG-Dells-Parking Lot, HCG-Dells-Player Tracking System, HCG-Dells-Kiosk, HCG-Dells-Signage, HCG-Dells-Sound System, HCG-Dells- Storage Shed for Electrical Equipment, HCG-Dells-Street Lights.**

*Per the request of Sandra Gleason-Treasurer the above resolutions will be tabled so the Treasurer has time to review for accurate and correct information to dollar amounts and line items.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to table the above Resolutions identified on the agenda Under Committee Reports as Item D 4. **Resolution 06-09-15 D**, Approval for Designation of a Capital Project, HCG-BRF Snack Bar Floor through Item 28. Resolution-Approval for Designation of a Capital Project, HCG-Dells Street Lights, until the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorizing the Closing of Capital Projects.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to table the Resolution- Authorizing the Closing of Capital Projects. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Elk Restoration Project Restricted Account Funding.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 06-09-15 E**, Elk Restoration Project Restricted Account Funding. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. 7-1 (Rep. Lori Pettibone)-1(Rep. Robert Two Bears) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
*Rep. Darren Brinegar was out of the room.*

**D2 Ho-Chunk Baseball Camp Request-D2:**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to table the D2 Ho-Chunk Baseball Camp Request. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 8-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**  
*Rep. Darren Brinegar and Rep. Henning Garvin out of the room.*

**Economic Diversification –Rep. Matt Mullen**

**Resolution-Adoption of Federally Chartered Corporations Act (5 HCC § 12).**

Note for the record, this only applies to Section 17.

**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to adopt **Resolution 06-09-15 F**, Adoptions of Federally

Chartered Corporations Act (5 HCC § 12). Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**  
*Rep. Henning Garvin out of the room.*  
**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud for the Economic Diversification Work Group to complete a law for a tribally chartered corporations for Charter Section 16. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Matt Mullen to table the rest of the Economic Diversification Update until later in the meeting. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-0-1 (Vice President Heather Cloud)

**MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Department of Business-Third Party Outsourcing (fyi):**

Report was provided for review.

**Resolution-Authorization for Real Estate Closing Susan C. Walczak and Charles A. Walczak.**

**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to adopt **Resolution 06-09-15 G**, Authorization for Real Estate Closing Susan C. Walczak and Charles A. Walczak. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **SECOND WITHDRAWS MOTION.**

Rep. Henning Garvin asks if all HOP resolutions will be coming forward to the Legislature instead of going through Housing.

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to table Resolution-Authorization for Real Estate Closing Susan C. Walczak and Charles A. Walczak for further clarification. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Appointment of Steve Christopherson, Department of Housing Representative to the Wazee Wastewater Commission.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt **Resolution 06-09-15 H**, Appointment of Steve Christopherson, and Department of Housing Representative to the Wazee Wastewater Commission. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Tribal Transportation Program Juneau County, CTH Road Project.**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 06-09-15 I**, Tribal Transportation Program Juneau County, CTH Road Project. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**2015 Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Day Pow-Wow Requests:**

Rep. Henning Garvin mentions two requests came forward for the Mitchell Red Cloud Pow-wow. One from the Legion Post and the other was from Maynard Rave Jr. who was requested from the Red Cloud family to submit a request. The request from the Legion was for \$30,750.00 and only for one day. The other request is for two days, in the amount of \$51,000.00. Maynard Rave Jr. and members from the Legion Post will be working together on the pow-wow.

Rep. Lori Pettibone would like to see the same pow-wow budget line item breakdown similar to the Black River Falls Memorial Day Pow-Wow Request. Vice President Heather Cloud mentions having flexibility.

Rep. Lori Pettibone would have preferred to have the Red Cloud family come forward for the request. Discussion was on a mural in honor of Cpl Mitchell Red Cloud. Rep. Lori Pettibone does not want the line items of the pow-wow budget moved around. Vice President Heather Cloud is fine with the motion.

**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to approve the 2015 CPL Mitchell Red Cloud Day Pow-wow in the amount of \$51,000.00. out of next fiscal year’s budget. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 5-4(Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Henning Garvin)-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Year’s Eve Sobriety Pow-Wow-Donald Greengrass, Sr.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the New Year’s Eve Sobriety Pow-Wow in the amount

of \$8,955.00 out of the Pow-wow line item, pending reconciliation. Second by Vice President Heather Cloud. 9-1 (Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Resolution-Unexpended Funds Appropriation District 3- Mauston Community Building**  
**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to adopt **Resolution 06-09-15 J**, Unexpended Funds Appropriation District 3-Mauston Community Building. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Travel-Rep. Greg Blackdeer:**  
The requested travel would be regarding the Youth & Elder Gathering. Rep. Greg Blackdeer is assisting with getting a buffalo for the gathering and is requesting travel time.

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to authorize two days of travel for Rep. Greg Blackdeer to assist with these efforts of the Youth & Elder Gathering. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-1 (Rep. Greg Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 06-09-15 G-Authorization for Real Estate Closing Susan C. Walczak and Charles A. Walczak.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 06-09-15 G**, Authorization for Real Estate Closing Susan C. Walczak and Charles A. Walczak. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 6-0-4 (Vice President Heather Cloud, Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to have Legislative Counsel work with Department of Justice and Department of Housing in drafting language in a resolution to delegate signature authority to the Executive Branch for future house closings. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**DISTRICT CONCERNS:**

**Tomah Area Meeting:**  
No motions

**Madison Area Meeting:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Employment Relations Act Work Group and Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to have Wosga Leave policy reviewed to include the Nebraska Winnebago to be eligible. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to General Council Agency the MOTION by Janice Rice to have General Council meeting payout done by mail following reconciliation pending verification of attendance through adjournment. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Election Board the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman to have the area vote on who the poll worker will be on Election Day. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the MOTION by Joy Thompson-Bonano to have comps available at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison for the elder’s equivalent to the cost of an elder bingo packet to be taken from existing Elder Comps line item. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 8-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FYI:**  
**MOTION** by Joy Thompson-Bonano to have the Branch Office Manager to look into pallet gardens available through the Health Department.

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Legislative Counsel and Attorney General the MOTION by Joy Thompson-Bonano to have the Attorney General do an audit from 2012 on the Ethics Review Board to the present concerning stipend payments and to ensure repayment has been enforced. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-1 (Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea

Estebo to refer to the Office of the President, Attorney General, Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Miriam Whiteagle to have the Attorney General do an investigation on Ethics Review Board on maintaining confidentiality & disclosure of information released within their meeting minutes. Second by Rep. David Greendeer.

9-1(Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman to have the legislature bring in a 3<sup>rd</sup> party ethics expert to redo the code and bylaws on the Ethics Review Code. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-1(Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Baraboo Area Meeting:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to General Council Agency the MOTION by Vicki Browneagle to accept Kim Crowley as the GCA Delegate for the Baraboo Area. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
*Rep. Shelby Visintin was off the phone.*

**Amendment to the Agenda:**  
**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to amend the agenda re-visit the Economic Diversification agenda item (Twelve Clans Inc.). Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to send out a letter of notice regarding Twelve Clans Inc., Corporate Board of Directors to the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch and the General Council in order to facilitate on-going communications between the Board and the Nation. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 8-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. Greg Blackdeer out of the room.*

Rep. Matt Mullen asks if there is a legislator who would like to be the temporary liaison. Vice President Heather Cloud volunteers Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel. **MOTION** by Rep. Matt Mullen to temporarily appoint Michael Murphy as the liaison to the Twelve Clans Inc. **MOTION DIES FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to have Rep. Matt Mullen as the temporary representative from Legislature as the liaison to Twelve Clans Inc. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 7-1 (Vice President Heather Cloud)-1 (Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. Greg Blackdeer out of the room.*

Memo was handed out regarding transition period for transition for Section 17 Corporation: Twelve Clans, Inc. One of the issues is the restricted account set up for Twelve Clans, Inc. Discussion was on the start-up funds for the Charter.

**Resolution- Authorization to Transfer Funds from Twelve Clans, Inc. Restricted Account.**

**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to table the Resolution-Authorization to Transfer Funds from Twelve Clans, Inc. Restricted Account, with stipulating back up information for the funding request. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 9-0-1 (Rep. Greg Blackdeer)

**MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Resolution- Funding Approval for Twelve Clans, Inc.-fyi.**

This resolution was provided as a draft, it still needs to be reviewed.

**Break for Lunch:**  
**Lunch at 11:35 a.m.**

**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to recess for lunch at 11:35 a.m. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar 7-3(Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Henning Garvin, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Call to Order:** President Jon Greendeer calls the meeting to order at 12:35p.m.

**Roll Call:**  
President Jon Greendeer - P  
Vice President Heather Cloud-P  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P  
Rep. Susan Waukon- EX



The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board acknowledges a write-in candidate Samantha Skenandore’s name may change once the Election Board receives submission of all pertinent documentations in compliance with Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution and the Election Code.

# General Council Info Update

General Council 2015 will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison Wisconsin, Sep. 19th.

It is important to reserve your hotel rooms as soon as possible seeing as there is a Wisconsin Badger football game that same weekend. The onsite hotel is already booked solid. Hotels nearby include the Sheraton, Holiday Inn Express, and Comfort Inn all located within a half mile of the center on John Nolen DR.

Transportation will be arranged from all of the designated communities that have previously had service, contact your local branch offices to get your name on the list, seating is limited.

Parking will be free.

Registration will begin at 7AM. Breakfast from 7AM to 9:30AM. Lunch will be provided.

At the end of the meeting there will be payout tables designated for **elders and their caretakers only**. All other registered voting members are to go to other tables.

Anyone interested in a vendor table must contact the **Office of General Council** to request a spot. Depending on the type of vendor a permit may be necessary.

For any assistance with writing resolutions or transportation contact the **Office of General Council** at:

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Rep. Darren Brinegar-P  
Rep. Shelby Visintin –Cc  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-EX  
Rep. Matt Mullen-P  
Rep. Robert Two Bears-P  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit -EX  
**Determination of Quorum:**  
Quorum is established at 12:35 p.m.  
**Amendment to the Agenda: Re-Visit Resolution-Approval for Designation of a Capital Project, HCG-Madison Air Purifier, CRP Projects and Miron Construction Contract:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to amend the agenda to re-visit, Resolution-Approval for Designation of a Capital Project, HCG-Madison Air Purifier, CRP Projects/Miron Construction Contract. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
*VP Heather Cloud was out of the room.*  
**Resolution-Approval for Designation of a Capital Project, HCG-Madison-Air Purifier.**  
Sandra Gleason-Treasurer verified that numbers were accurate for the HCG-Madison project.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt Resolution 06-09-15 K, Approval for Designation of a Capital Project, HCG-Madison-Air Purifier. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Community Reinvestment Project- Miron Construction Project-Jon Warner,**

**Business Development Manager & Bill Lowe:**  
Discussion was on the draft information that was provided for Legislative review for a final decision to be made on June 23, 2015. The information provided in the draft resolution has HCG-BRF has part of Phase Two and moves HCG-Nekoosa as Phase One. The main reasoning the Department of Business did this is because the ROI was down for HCG-BRF and it was later discuss that HCG-BRF would take a little longer because it would need to be re-designed. They admitted that HCG-Nekoosa would move along quickly because it’s ready to go. The Legislature and the President agreed to move ahead with the original intent that Phase One would be HCG-BRF and HCG-Wittenberg. This will be discussed further at the June 23, 2015 Legislative Meeting.  
**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
Time: 12:55 p.m.  
**MOTION** by Vice President Heather Cloud to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
Time: 2:17 p.m.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Healing Center-Roberta Decorah:**  
Roberta Decorah handed out the Business Plan for

the Healing Center. A presentation was provided by many community members on the purposes of having a Healing Center. The Legislature went over discussion that took place in Executive Session regarding the Wautoma Property and issues related to that property for the Healing Center. It was discuss that communication was needed amongst all in order to keep the progress moving forward on the Healing Center project.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to go into Executive Session-(2<sup>nd</sup> time). Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Darren Brinegar out of the room.*  
Time: 2:25 p.m.  
*Rep. Shelby Visintin is excused at 2:27 p.m.*  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to ratify action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Adjournment:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn to Whyte, Hirschboeck & Dudek, S.C. for the next Legislative Session to be held on June 23, 2015 in Madison, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 7-1 (Rep. Greg Blackdeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2015

**Supreme Court Associate Justice 2**

**Matthew Mann**

**Samantha C. Skenandore**

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**ABSENTEE VOTING:**  
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later **than Friday, August 21, 2015 by 4:00 P.M.** See *Election Board Code, sec. 13 a. i. Absentee Voting Permitted*  
Requests **MUST INCLUDE** the eligible voter’s name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS Next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.  
**Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Friday, August 28, 2015.**

Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

**POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:**  
The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

**CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:**  
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**ELECTIONEERING:**  
There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

**The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the eligible voters list immediately after the close of the challenge period. The Election Board decision shall be final.**

**SPECIAL RUN OFF ELECTION FRIDAY, August 28, 2015**

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
Friday, July 24, 2015

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST**  
Tuesday, July 28, 2015

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO**  
Thursday, August 6, 2015  
**4:30 PM**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS**  
Friday, August 21, 2015 **4:00 PM**

**SPECIAL ELECTION FRIDAY, August 28, 2015 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM**

**POLLING PLACES:**

**BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI**  
HHCDA  
W8113 Indian Mission Rd.  
715/299-6104

**TOMAH, WI**  
BLUE WING  
320 Epinal Avenue  
608/377-3787

**LA CROSSE, WI**  
LA CROSSE BRANCH OFFICE  
724 Main Street  
608/783-6025

**MADISON, WI**  
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE  
1320 Mendota Street  
608/277-9964

**BARABOO, WI**  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS  
S2845 WhiteEagle Rd.  
608/355-1254

**WISCONSIN DELLS, WI**  
INDIAN HEIGHTS  
N957 Dyer Avenue  
715/299-6104

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI**  
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM. BLD.  
916 Chak-hah-chee Lane  
715/284-8900

**WITTENBERG, WI**  
TRIBAL AGING UNIT  
W17956 Witt-Birn Townline Road  
715/253-3536

**GREEN BAY, WI**  
BRANCH OFFICE  
1047 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
920/490-2774

**MILWAUKEE, WI**  
MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE  
3501 S. Howell Ave.  
414/747-8680

**CHICAGO, IL**  
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE  
4738 North Milwaukee Ave.  
773/202-8433

**ST PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS, MN**  
MPLS/ST PAUL BRANCH OFFICE  
1724 Selby Ave.  
651/641-1801

Posted 07/24/2015

NOTICE AND RULES OF MAIL BALLOTING ELECTION TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE Friday, August 28, 2015



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011 1 HCC § 16 and the Election Code 2 HCC § 6, Sec.8 e.

Due to certification of a candidate and the need to meet the HCN Election Code section 14 Mail Ballot Voting a *Mail Ballot Voting(2)(b) The Election Board shall send by United States Mail a ballot to each eligible voter or Ho-Chunk Member who will be an eligible voter by the date of the election. The Election Board shall mail ballots forty-five (45) calendar days before the date of the election; and, if said date falls on a weekend, then on the first working day thereafter.* Certification timelines have been met and the following individuals are candidates for two vacant seats on the Trust and Investment Committee.

**Candidate for Trust and Investment**  
**THE FOLLOWING TERM IS TWO (2) YEARS:**

**Becky Manuell-Albert**  
**Forrest Funmaker**

**14. Mail Ballot Voting.**

a. Mail Ballot Voting.  
i. Determination as to whether to conduct an Election by mail balloting.  
(a) At the discretion of the Election Board, elections shall be conducted by mail ballot.  
(b) Subject to the limitation provided in Section 14, subparagraph a. (1), the Election Board shall include within its *Election Day Guide and Standard Operating Procedures* criteria for limiting its discretion as to when an election shall use solely the procedures for poll place voting, which are contained in Section 13, or use solely the procedures for mail balloting, which are contained in Section 14. The Internal Operating Rules shall require that an election be conducted solely using mail balloting or poll place voting.  
(2) Procedures for Mail Balloting.  
(a) The Election Board shall designate a Post Office Box rented by the Board as the place where Ballots shall be returned. Ballots must be received at the Post Office Box designated by the Election Board not later than the day of the Election.  
(b) The Election Board shall send by United States Mail a ballot to each eligible voter or Ho-Chunk Member who will be an eligible voter by the date of the election. The Election Board shall mail ballots forty-five (45) calendar days before the date of the election; and, if said date falls on a weekend, then on the first working day thereafter.  
(c) A Voter may obtain a replacement ballot from the Election Board if his or her ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost or not received by the Voter.  
(d) The Election Board shall not mail a replacement ballot later than ten (10) working days before the day of an

Election. If pursuant to *Section 14, subparagraph a. (3)* a voter requests a replacement ballot, the Election Board shall only give a replacement ballot if the request for the replacement ballot is made fifteen (15) working days before the date of the Election.  
b. Ballots. The Ballot package mailed out by the Election Board shall consist of a ballot which otherwise meets the requirements of Section 12, an outer envelope, instruction sheet, ballot secrecy envelope, and return envelope. c. Voting Procedure. The Voter shall mark the ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. The Voter shall then place the ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The return envelope shall be signed by the Voter as his or her name appears on the return envelope and he or she shall return it by United States Mail to the location designated by the Election Board.  
d. Returns. The Board shall verify that the returned envelope bears the signature of the Voter. If the envelope is not signed, the ballot shall be rejected. The entire rejected ballot shall be deposited unopened in a separate, secure box for invalid ballots. If the envelope is not signed, the ballot shall be rejected. The entire rejected ballot shall be deposited unopened in a separate, secure box for invalid ballots. If the envelope is signed, the ballot shall be deposited in the locked ballot box. For ballots placed in the locked ballot box, the Election Board shall make a notation in the poll book, next to the Voter’s name, that indicates that the Voter has returned his or her ballot.  
e. Multiple Ballots. If a Voter to whom a replacement ballot has been issued pursuant to *Subsection a. (2) (c) of this Section* votes more than once, only the ballot with the earliest postmark shall be counted. If there are two (2) or more ballots with the same postmark date for one (1) Voter, neither ballot shall be counted.  
f. Security of Ballots. Returned Ballots shall remain in the designated Post Office Box until retrieved by the Election Administrator. The Election Administrator shall retrieve returned ballots on a daily basis and the day after the Election. Upon picking up returned ballots, the Election Administrator shall place the returned ballot in the Ballot Security Box located at the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Office. Following the counting of ballots, the Election Board shall maintain returned ballots in a secure location. g. Rejected Ballots.  
(1) The Election Board shall count only the choice(s) which can be determined.  
(2) The Election Board shall keep and retain all partially or completely rejected ballots for a period of at least three (3) years.  
h. Election Results.  
(1) Unofficial results will not be released.  
(2) The Election Board shall determine the official results of the election and shall use the *Official Ballot Accounting Form* (Election Board Form 5 at Appendix A). The official tallying of the votes shall be open for public observation. The public must remain quiet and in no way interfere with the orderly tallying of the ballots.  
(3) The Election Board shall post the official results on the *Official Certificate of Election Results Form* (Election Board Form 6 at Appendix A). The *Official Certificate of Election Results Forms* shall be signed by each Member of the Election Board. The Election Board shall post the Certificate at the Polling Places within three (3) calendar days after the date of election.  
(4) After the Election Board has certified the official election results, the Election Board shall retain the election records. These records shall include the counted ballots, the unused ballots, and the

spoiled or rejected ballots, if any. The Election Board shall retain the election records for at least three (3) years.

**THE FOLLOWING TERMS ARE TWO (2) YEARS WITH TWO (2) OPENINGS:**

e. Qualifications of Trust and Investment Committee Members.  
i. All Candidates for a position on the Trust and Investment Committee shall meet the qualifications listed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011, 1 HCC § 16, which states: “5. *Committee Member Qualifications:*  
a. *To be eligible for appointment or election, Committee members shall have one or more of the following qualifications:*  
(1) *Certified Public Accountant or Charter Financial Analyst;*  
(2) *An associates or, preferably, a bachelor’s degree in accounting, business, finance;*  
(3) *Financial professional certification, including any of the following: Certified Financial Planner; Certified Fund Specialist; Chartered Financial Consultant; Chartered Investment Counselor; Chartered Investment Management Analyst; Chartered Market Technician; Personal Financial Specialist;* (4) *At least five-years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another’s behalf.”*  
b. *If interested in appointment or election to the Committee, an individual shall submit a letter of interest and a resume as appropriate.*  
*For appointments; to the CTF Task Force for the initial appointments made by the Legislature, and to the Committee for all subsequent appointments.*  
*For elections; to the Election Board consistent with Election Code (2 HCC § 6).*  
c. *All potential Committee members shall undergo a credit check and a criminal background check prior to the appointment or election. A potential Committee member shall not be eligible for service on the Committee if the criminal background check reveals either of the following:*  
(1) *A felony.*  
(2) *Any crime of dishonesty, including, but not limited to, fraud, misrepresentation, theft or deception in any form.*  
d. *A potential Committee member must be able to obtain a financial bond.*  
e. *Each Committee member shall honorably protect and uphold the purpose of the Committee with integrity, diligence and foresight.*  
f. *All the qualification requirements listed above must be maintained throughout a Committee member’s term and shall be reviewed at least annually by the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice*

**ELIGIBLE VOTERS:**  
Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See *Election Code Sec. 11 (a) (6).*

**ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:**  
Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual’s name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.  
**The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period.**  
**Section 11, c. h. (Deadline Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.)**

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board  
206 South Roosevelt Road  
P.O. Box 756  
Black River Falls, WI. 54615  
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900  
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583  
FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600  
E-MAIL:  
[Electionboard@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Electionboard@ho-chunk.com)

**Deadline to challenge the candidate(s) list to Election Board is Tuesday, July 7, 2015 @ 4:00 p.m.**

Ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

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**ELECTIONEERING:**  
There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

**TRUST AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION DAY**  
**Friday, August 28, 2015**

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
**Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST**  
**Thursday, July 2, 2015**

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday, July 12, 2015**

**MAIL BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED**  
**Tuesday, July 14, 2015**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT BALLOT**  
**Friday, August 7, 2015**

**LAST DAY TO MAIL REPLACEMENT BALLOT**  
**Friday, August 14, 2015**

**ALL BALLOTS DUE TO THE ELECTION BOARD OFFICE**  
**Friday, August 28, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

Posted 07/02/2015



# International travelers stop in to visit

Submitted by Lynette Le-Garde, HCN Legislature/Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature had international visitors at the July 23, 2015 Legislative Meeting. Julian Kehe and Alan Kehe (Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Members) were in the Black River Falls Area on vacation from New Delhi, India where Alan teaches Physical Education and Health Education. The family spends summers in Minnesota and the school year in India. Carol Gavin gave the international travelers a tour around the Tribal Office Building and stopped in on the latest legislative session.



## HO-CHUNK LANGUAGE CLASS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MADISON BRANCH OFFICE

Tuesdays: 9:00am – 10:00am  
Thursdays: 9:00am – 10:00am  
And Tuesday evenings: 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
Everyone is welcome!



## 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BERT FUNMAKER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

DATE- August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

WHERE- Holiday Lodge Golf Course  
10555 Freedom Road, Tomah  
WI 54660 (608-372-9314)

COST- \$60 Entry Fee Includes:  
18 Holes of Golf, carts, skins, and meal

REGISTRATION- 8:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.

**\*\*SHOTGUN START AT 10:00 A.M.\*\***

**4 Person Scramble- Luck of the Draw**

SUMMONS  
(First Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Rita A. Gardner as Personal Representative for the Estate of Nina Greendeer Cleveland, Plaintiff(s), v. A Residential home located at W8855 Decorah Road, Indian Mission, Town of Komensky, Jackson County, Wisconsin, Defendant(s).

Case : CV 15-16

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):  
Annie M. Cleveland

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can result in a default judgment being entered against you.* *Id.*, Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS  
(Second Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and Jessica J. Winneshiek, Petitioners, v. Stanley G. Whiteeagle, Respondent.

Case No. CS 15-23

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:  
Stanley G. Whiteeagle

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register and Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order for Child Support* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing parties listed above or to their attorneys of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order for child support.* *Id.*, §2.6c.

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# Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial reawakened performed for one night only

Submitted by Melanie Tallmadge Sainz, Little Eagle Arts Foundation, Director

Wisconsin Dells -- The arts and legacy of the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial will be celebrated at the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial Reawakened performance and Native Art Marketplace, Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Crystal Grand Music Theatre. The celebration is a benefit for the cultural programs of the Friends of the H.H. Bennett Studio, which is a Wisconsin Historical Society site, and the Little Eagle Arts Foundation. It begins at 11 a.m. with the Native Arts Marketplace at the Crystal Grand, 430 Munroe Avenue, Wisconsin Dells. The Ceremonial performance begins at 3 p.m. Tickets for the performance are \$22, and admission to the Native Art Marketplace is free. Tickets are available from the Crystal Grand, call 800-696-7999 or 608-254-4545, or go to [www.crystalgrand.com](http://www.crystalgrand.com).

For centuries the iconic Stand Rock sandstone rock formation marked a natural amphitheater that hosted inter-tribal gatherings on the shores of the Wisconsin River long before tourism ignited in the area. After H.H. Bennett's photography made the formations at the Dells famous and brought tourism to the area, the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial, with Ho-Chunk and other Native American dancers, became an attraction for visitors. It continued for almost 80 years. Countless generations of locals and visitors attended this nightly performance that brought together the American Indian/First Peoples and non-Indian commu-

nities through the arts. Throughout the years H.H. Bennett and descendants photographed Ho-Chunk and other tribal performers.

The Reawakened performance will blend the legacy of the ceremonial with the art of pioneer photographer H.H. Bennett complete with the sights and sounds of a multi-media stage production directed by Lance Tallmadge (Ho-Chunk) of Wisconsin Dells. The cast is composed of award winning dancers and singers including Becky Taylor (Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwa) of Hayward, Elliot Funmaker (Ho-Chunk) of Wisconsin Dells, Ronnie Preston (Apache) of Milwaukee, Tim Fish (Ponca) of Madison, and others.

The Native Art Marketplace is free to the public and takes place from 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Visitors will be able to meet and to purchase authentic American Indian/First Nations art from artists as well as view a variety of demonstrations. Art featured will include traditional bead and porcupine quill art, basketry, leatherwork, and woodcarving along with contemporary drawing, painting, ceramics and jewelry. Native food will also be available.

The Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial Reawakened is celebrating the 150th anniversary of Wisconsin pioneer photographer H.H. Bennett. The program is made possible to due the generosity of the event sponsors. Proceeds from this event will benefit the cultural arts programs of the Friends of H.H. Bennett Studio and Little Eagle Arts Foundation.



Congratulations on the new

**Wak Sik Ma Community Center!**

**Standing Stone Architects** are proud to say we have worked on many Ho-Chunk projects!

*Oneida Owned Architectural Design Firm*

Karl Lusic—Licensed Architect : (414) 526-4905



## AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> CHILI & FRYBREAD COOK-OFF

Domestic Violence “Cook-off” against Abuse  
~Hosted by the HCN Domestic Abuse Division to bring awareness and to help our surrounding communities~



**PRE-REGISTRATION**  
**@ HCN SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING**  
808 Red Iron Road  
**AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8AM-4:30PM**

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**ALL FOOD MUST BE PRESENT @ 11AM**

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**JUDGING @ NOON, EATING/PRIZES TO FOLLOW**

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**A CHANCE TO WIN GREAT PRIZES!!!**

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**WE CAN STOP THE VIOLENCE TOGETHER**

**CONTACT:**  
**HCN SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING**  
**715-284-2622**

**LOCATION OF EVENT:**  
**LUNDA CITY PARK**  
1400 Tyler St.  
**AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**11AM UNTIL 3PM**





**THANK YOU, from the bottom of my heart, for going the extra mile to write me in for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in the JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> election. I assure you – I will go the extra mile to use our cultural way of life, my education, my extensive legal experience and proven ethical character to serve you with integrity in our judiciary.**

**FACT: THE NATION IS MORE SOPHISTICATED NOW MORE THAN EVER. We are a Nation with a refined set of laws, increased land holdings, a new Section 17 Federally Chartered Corporation, a new Criminal Code and so much more on the horizon. We need justices with a broad yet thorough set of legal skills and experience to uphold our laws and exercise our sovereignty in a manner that is accurate, fair and expeditious.**

**Vote for the only candidate that is a licensed attorney in multiple jurisdictions. Vote for the candidate that has practiced in the fields of Federal Indian law, corporate transactions, criminal law, constitutional law and family law.**

**VOTE SAMANTHA C. SKENANDORE**  
**For Associate Justice of the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court**  
**On August 28, 2015**

*“Let me work for you and capture our traditions and customs in strong legal decisions for your children, grandchildren and generations to come. This is your legacy that I promise to preserve.”*

*- Samantha Greendeer Skenandore (Ciina\`k Ma\a\ni)*





Doors open at 5pm

Action starts at 7pm

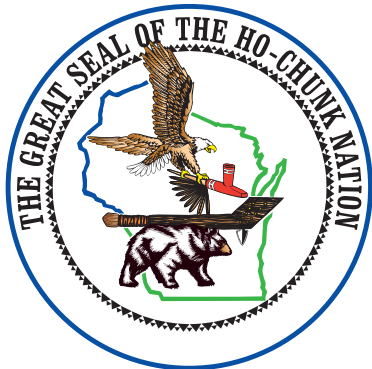
**SATURDAY NIGHT**  
**SHOWDOWN**

Ticket sales coming soon!  
 \$50 Ringside | \$25 General Admission  
 See website for more details.  
 MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER TO ATTEND

**HO-CHUNK GAMING**  
 WITTENBERG

[ho-chunkgaming.com/wittenberg](http://ho-chunkgaming.com/wittenberg)

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COMING THIS FALL

The Ho-Chunk Nation is conducting a comprehensive census of Ho-Chunk members that will result in up-to-date information the Nation can use to better serve the membership. The data collected by the census will be used to form decisions concerning strategic planning and program design as well as strengthening grant applications. **This fall, 2015, all adult members may complete the questionnaire, either online or the paper version.** Please complete and return the census questionnaire as soon as you receive it (and encourage your relatives to do the same!) enabling the Nation to start compiling the data as soon as possible. If you do not complete the questionnaire, you will be contacted by telephone and may be visited in person by census field staff.

**Your support and participation are vital to make the Census a success.** The data will provide value to the Nation in terms of planning and management. Stay tuned for more information about the project and please be on the lookout for your questionnaire this fall!

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Planning and Development has enlisted Big Water Consulting, specialists in tribal data collection, to coordinate the Census. For more information, please contact Kevin Klingbeil, Managing Director of Big Water Consulting ([kevin@bigwaterconsulting.net](mailto:kevin@bigwaterconsulting.net)), or Angie Greengrass-McDonald in the Division of Planning and Development ([Angie.Greengrass@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Angie.Greengrass@ho-chunk.com)) as primary points of contact.



14345 County Highway B, Room 3  
Sparta, WI 54656-4509  
(608) 269-8719

July 20, 2015

Highlighted Positions are new from last report  
Listed below are current vacancies that the Monroe  
County Personnel Department will accept applications  
for. If you know anyone who may be interested in any of  
these positions, please have them contact the Personnel  
Department to receive the appropriate materials to apply  
for the position. If no deadlines are listed, the position  
will remain open until filled.

## Monroe County Vacancies

**Position: Dog Pound Assistant**  
**Department:** Sanitation, Planning, Zoning & Dog Control  
**On-Call Position**  
**Hiring Salary:** \$8.00/hr.  
**Deadline:** Open until filled

Position: **Volunteer Driver**  
Department: Senior  
Services  
Volunteer with  
reimbursement of \$0.53/  
mile.

**Rolling Hills Nursing Home** is accepting applications for the following:

Position: **Registered Nurse**  
Part-time Night Shift  
Salary varies based on  
experience – More details  
available upon request

**Position: Licensed  
Practical Nurse**  
Part-time (weekend shifts)  
and On-call  
Minimum Salary: \$13.48/hr.  
plus shift differentials

**Position: Certified Nursing Assistant**  
Full-time, Part-time, and On-Call  
Minimum Salary: \$10.08/hr. plus shift differentials, plus \$600 sign on bonus paid incrementally.

Position: **Dietary Aide/  
Cook**  
Part-Time  
Minimum Salary: \$10.00/hr.

Position: **Student Dietary Aide**  
On-Call  
Minimum Salary: \$7.25/hr.  
(Must be a full-time student and be at least 16 years old, up to the age of 25)



Attention: District 5, Minnesota-Minneapolis/St. Paul

Minneapolis/St. Paul August Area Meeting which will be the area picnic potluck for District 5 in the Twin Cities area. A special invite was given to President Cleveland to attend. And he will be present, the headliner for the meeting. And it is potluck.

The District 5 - Minneapolis/Saint Paul August Area Meeting is on Thursday, August 13, 2015 from 5:30-8:30 pm. The area potluck picnic will be at the Cherokee Regional Park – 700 Cherokee Heights Blvd. – St. Paul, MN 55107. So our District 5 tribal members living in the Twin-Cities area and Minnesota will be able to attend.

Home Ownership Program



27374 St Hwy 21 E Office Building 5  
Tomah, WI 54660

THE FOLLOWING HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS NEED TO CONTACT  
THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS  
HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM  
BY AUGUST 14, 2015

1050	2573	546	3305	376	1983
1689	3367	3151	3206	1884	1129
1433	371	273	1880	495	46
2703	2330	2805	1214	481	591
2546	5495	2582	87	899	4321
173	174	3344	894	1874	1856
2210	2968	1740	2411	1812	1882

PLEASE CONTACT VICKI SHISLER, MICHELLE WINNESHIEK OR SHEILA STOUT  
(608) 374-1225

General Council Agency

Vacancy

Announcements:

- Black River Falls- 1 GCA Agent
- Wisconsin Dells- 1 GCA Alternate
- Wittenberg- 1 GCA Agent

Tribal members who are interested must be voted in by a majority vote at the monthly area meeting.

For more information, contact the following:  
Joy Thompson, GCA Advocate at Joy.Thompson@ho-chunk.com  
Wendy Running Horse, GCA Deputy Advocate at Wendy.Runninghorse@ho-chunk.com

The Office of the General Council provides resolution assistance.  
27374 State Highway 21 Building #2 Tomah, WI 54660  
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HO-CHUNK NATION  
DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans Affairs Advisory Board

Date: September 11, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: TOB-Veterans Affairs Division  
Conference Room

The Division of Veterans Affairs encourages all veterans and interested individuals to attend.

Should you have any questions comments or concerns please contact the Division of Veterans Affairs at (715)284-4563.

This meeting notice is posted in accordance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Open Meetings Act.

POSTED : June 22, 2015

P.O. BOX 667, W9814 AIRPORT ROAD, BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615  
PH. (866) 505-4793 FAX (715) 284-5934



Lil Skenandore Golf Memorial

When: Sunday, August 09, 2015

Where: The Ridges - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Registration: 7:30-8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start: 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$50.00 - includes 18 holes, cart & Skins Games

Meal will be provided afterwards

For Info Call: Dee Dee Greendeer  
(715) 299-2245



Public Notice  
TITLE III GRANT HEARING

August 06, 2015  
11:00 AM

Nekoosa TAU Meal Site  
4912 Winneshiek Lane  
Nekoosa, WI

The Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit gives notice for a public hearing regarding the State Title III Grant Plan 2016-2018

Contact your local TAU for Transportation to this Hearing. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED



August 8th & 9th

BROWN FAMILY  
DATE CORRECTION  
REUNION

16th Annual Reunion

Bring a dish to pass – meat provided  
Family – Food – Fun  
Swimming – Cards – Horseshoes – Auction  
Blackhawk Park, DeSoto, WI.



Questions call – Fran Littlewolf 715-297-4239 Or Lee Brown – 715-299-4417

GREENGRASS  
FAMILY REUNION



SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 8TH



DOUGLAS GREEENGRASS RESIDENCE  
MEAL AT NOON

PIG ROAST                      GAMES - PRIZES

BRING OWN CHAIRS (LIMITED CHAIRS AVAILABLE)


QUESTIONS - PLEASE CONTACT  
LANA: 712.635.0489                      BEN: 715.937.0842



Invitation for a  
Seven Day Caribbean Cruise

Rodney and Barbie Rave

are going on a cruise February 28, 2016 and would like to invite anyone  
interested in joining them to contact them at 715-896-9895 or  
715-896-9865 for more information.  
Room Prices (good until August) per couple:  
All inclusive  
Balcony Suite \$3,029.16 • Ocean view \$2,161.16 • Interior \$ 1,613.16  
\$500.00 plus airfare required within 2 weeks of August percap. (August 15th). Remainder  
due at November percap.  
We would like as many couples to join us on this 7day fun/relaxing cruise. The ship will  
depart from Port Canaveral, Florida with ports of call at Lavadee, Haiti, Falmouth, Ja-  
maica, Georgetown, Grand Canyon, and Cozumel, Mexico. Contact us for details, activi-  
ties and a meeting time. We would like to be your tour guide, no fee on our part. We want  
everyone to experience this awesome adventure, and we will gladly walk you through,  
step by step when booking your cruise.



Man  
Mound  
Day

Saturday, August 1, 2015  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Man Mound Park

Approximately four miles  
northeast of Baraboo, Wisconsin  
on Man Mound Road.

Come join in celebrating this spectacular  
effigy mound created by the Native Peoples  
of Wisconsin about one thousand years ago.

The day will mark the 156<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
first measuring and mapping of the Man Mound  
by William Canfield and the 107<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
the preservation of the Man Mound, the only  
remaining human-shaped Native American  
effigy mound. There will be exhibits and  
presentations throughout the day.

Please join us to for this opportunity to learn  
more about the Man Mound, the current efforts  
to further care for this spectacular site, as well  
as other effigy mound sites in Wisconsin.



August  
Elders Birthdays

1 Diane Lonetree  
Gary Climer  
2 John Edwards  
Greg Whitehorse  
4 Rocklin Littlegeorge  
6 Muriel Whiteagle-Lee  
Richard Kearnes  
Paul Cloud  
Martina Littlewolf-Falcon  
7 Robert Kirkwood  
8 Lawrence Thundercloud  
Vicki Johnson  
Kelly Decorah  
9 Gary Whitehorse  
Ben Hopinkah  
10 Daryl De Cora  
Esther Young Thunder  
Rowland Rave  
Alberta Starnes  
Hope Smith  
Sherry Wilson  
11 James Beverly  
Selina Joshua  
Jeffrey Lincoln  
Vivena Lemieux  
12 Paul Cassiman  
13 Denis Rockman  
14 Brenda Peotter  
Vicki Browneagle  
Rose Contreras  
Beverly Josephson  
Howard Bell  
15 Gladys Ebata  
16 Alma Miner  
Kathryn Brown

16 Joseph White  
Joyce Funmaker  
Walter Lemieux  
Charles Youngthunder  
17 Coleen Finn  
Kathleen Schladt  
Rebecca Greendeer  
19 Louis Costello  
20 Jouita Orozco  
21 Charles Hopinkah  
22 Quentin Thundercloud  
William Kirkwood  
23 William Browne  
Sherry Dalton  
24 Lenore Sweet  
Richard Mann  
Royce Blackdeer  
Sharon Green  
25 Paula Goulet  
Jeffrey Smith  
Connie Radtke  
Deborah Palonis  
26 Richard Lowe  
Sharon Prusia  
27 Curtis Blackdeer  
Darlene Denny  
Jacob Green  
28 Jeanette Whitewing  
Daniel Monegar  
Frederick Kingswan  
Herman Whiterabbit  
29 Gordon Thunder  
Harold Kirkwood  
31 Joseph Lonetree



# Shedd Aquarium Trip

Mackenzie Blackdeer  
Summer Youth Reporter

On July 16th, Youth Services took the youth to Shedd Aquarium. “Shedd Aquarium is a huge aquarium in Chicago, IL. They have everything from sharks, starfish, and even baby dolphins. They got to pet the stingray. Youth sleeves were wet because they stuck their whole arm all the way in the tank to touch them.” Mentioned Kelly Baker, Youth Coordinator.

Youth Services left at 10 am for the aquarium. They had 72 kids from Black River Falls. All ages through 3rd – 12th grade. They had to take seven of their own vans.

Baker says “The youth enjoyed it a lot since a lot of them have not been close to sea life ever,” Baker continues saying “Personally, my favorite was the stingray tank. I loved petting the stingray. It was a huge tank. All you had to do was stick your arm in and they come up to you.”

Melissa Greyhair, commented “A baby dolphin had just been born. They had a sign on the door saying that there was a baby dolphin and they needed time for the momma and the baby to bond.”

Baker also said “We went to go see the sharks, and we were by the Hammerhead sharks. The kids were up at the glass and the sharks would swim at the glass and the kids would jump back and scream.”

“I believe we left around 6:30(pm) from the Aquarium.” Greyhair said.

“It was neat to see kids experience it for the first time,” Baker said with a smile on her face. “But of course when we were leaving it started to pour.”

Staff walked to their vehicles and got drenched. Kids were under trees and they picked them up from there.

On the way back they got supper at a place called Oasis in Belvidere, IL.

On a final note Baker said “Most of us never seen a shark or even an aquarium that big and never been to Chicago, but I think we had enough fun and we will remember this for a long time.”



Bunch of youth in front of the ‘Muddy Rainforest’.



Floria Greengrass, Danae Rave, and Halie Marg-Snake posing in front of a tank full of exotic fish.



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